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## Selectmen's Report.

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Feb. 26. The Selectmen charge themselves as follows, to wit:—

By amount of money in Treasury on settlement of last year's account	- - -	\$ 597 35
" Money hired of David Stinson	-	300 00
" " Samuel Wilson	-	135 00
" " received from State	-	1600 00
" " hired of P. Newell	-	1200 00
" " received from County	-	381 66
" " Literary Fund from State	-	135 81
" " Railroad Tax	-	353 00
" " received of C. C. Parker for old Hearse House	- -	8 00
" Amount of taxes on list of 1862	-	5422 97
" " received of E. G. Shute (State Aid)	-	10 00
" Amount of Outstanding Orders	-	80 00
Total Receipts	- - -	\$10723 79

The Selectmen claim an allowance as follows:

### FOR PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS

District No. 1	- - - -	223 51
" " 2	- - - -	238 39
" " 3	- - - -	59 99
" " 4	- - - -	129 91
" " 5	- - - -	63 01
" " 6	- - - -	66 61
" " 7	- - - -	111 60
Paid town of Salem	- - - -	2 08
District No. 8	- - - -	125 37
" " 9	- - - -	87 57
" " 10	- - - -	32 04
" " 11	- - - -	80 31
" " 12 (by last years Selectmen)	-	25 05
" " 12 (including Chester)	-	69 90
		<hr/> \$1315 34

### PAID STATE AID.

1862.

Dr;

By last years Selectmen:

Mar. 4.	To Mrs. P. Jones	- - - -	24 00
" 6.	" J. Cristy	- - - -	12 00
" 7.	" H. Tilton	- - - -	16 00
" "	" J. C. Sawyer	- - - -	12 00
" "	Geo. B. Tuttle	- - - -	8 00
NEW ENTRIES.			
Apr. 14.	Mrs. Lewis Foster	- - - -	75 00
" "	" Santer	- - - -	12 00

" "	"	P. B. Stevens	-	-	-	16 00
" "	"	P. Jones	-	-	-	12 00
" "	"	Dustin	-	-	-	24 00
" "	"	G. F. Boyd	-	-	-	16 00
" 21	"	Mr. Tuttle	-	-	-	8 00
" "	"	Mrs. Tilton	-	-	-	8 00
May 1	"	Mr. Stephen Mills	-	-	-	8 00
" "	"	Mrs. Geo. McKenny	-	-	-	12 00
" 12	"	" "	-	-	-	24 00
" "	"	Jones	-	-	-	12 00
" 15	"	Fitch (three months)	-	-	-	12 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	-	-	-	16 00
" 17	"	Santer	-	-	-	12 00
" "	"	C. B. Radcliff	-	-	-	30 40
" "	"	Hale (for three months)	-	-	-	36 00
" "	"	Sawyer (two months)	-	-	-	24 00
June 18	"	Cristy	-	-	-	8 00
" "	"	Upton	-	-	-	24 00
" 23	"	Boyd	-	-	-	16 00
July 1	"	Santer	-	-	-	24 00
" 12	"	Boyd	.	.	.	8 00
" 16	"	Jones	.	.	.	12 00
Aug. 8	"	Cristy	.	.	.	12 00
" "	"	Santer	.	.	.	12 00
" 12	"	Upton	.	.	.	36 00
" 14	"	Tilton	.	.	.	12 00
" 16	"	L. Tuttle	.	.	.	24 00
" 23	"	Boyd	.	.	.	8 00
" 27	"	Jones	.	.	.	10 00
Sep. 26	"	Upton	.	.	.	20 00
Oct. 11	"	P. B. Stevens	.	.	.	24 00
" "	"	Butterfield	.	.	.	48 00
" "	"	J. T. G. Dinsmore	.	.	.	8 00
" "	"	Fitch	.	.	.	12 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	.	.	.	24 00
" "	"	Stevens	.	.	.	8 00
Nov. 7	"	Upton	.	.	.	30 00
" 13	"	Tilton	.	.	.	18 00
" 14	"	Jones	.	.	.	20 00
" 22	"	Parker	.	.	.	12 00
" "	"	Hale	.	.	.	68 00
" 26	"	Joanna Stevens	.	.	.	36 00
" "	"	I. A. Dustin	.	.	.	24 00
" "	"	Fitch	.	.	.	8 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	.	.	.	8 00
" "	"	B. H. Smith	.	.	.	48 00
" "	"	Mrs. Jones	.	.	.	22 00
Dec. 2	"	L. Tuttle	.	.	.	32 00
" "	"	Santer	.	.	.	36 00
" "	"	Sawyer	.	.	.	46 00
" "	"	Jones	.	.	.	22 00
" "	"	Kendall	.	.	.	40 00

	"	"	Dinsmore	.	.	.	.	24	00
Dec. 15	Mr.	John B. Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	40	00
"	"	Mrs. Boyd	.	.	.	.	.	32	00
"	"	"	P. B. Stevens	.	.	.	.	24	00
"	"	"	McCartee	.	.	.	.	16	00
Jan. 5. 1863.	"	Nichols	.	.	.	.	.	24	00
"	"	Mrs. Tilton \$16	Mrs. Jones \$12					28	00
"	17	Mrs. Santer \$20	Mrs. Sawyer \$34					54	00
"	"	Mrs. Dillinback \$32	Mrs. Hale \$22					54	00
"	"	Mrs. T. G. Wiggins \$24	Mrs Barker \$20					44	00
Feb. 2	Mrs. Jones \$12	Mrs. Dinsmore \$8						20	00
"	"	Mrs. L. Tuttle \$8	Mrs Tilton \$8					16	00
"	19	Mrs. J. Stevens \$58.62	Mrs. Parker \$18					76	62
"	23	A. Bean (seven months)						56	00
"	26	Mrs. Nichols \$16	B. H. Smith \$46					62	00
"	"	Mrs. Tilton \$8	Mrs. Hale \$12					20	00
"	"	Parker \$4	Wiggins \$16					20	00
"	"	Mrs. G. W. Randall \$20	Mrs. Dillinback \$12					32	00
"	"	Mrs. George McKenny						80	00

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## PAID ON ACCT. OF SNOW PATHS

1862.

Dr.

Paid by last year's Selectmen

Mar. 8.	Paid	Wm. Emerson for breaking roads	\$ 7	68
"	"	" J. H. Waterman - - -	43	68
"	"	" Geo. McKenney - - -	17	00
"	"	" James Reed - - -	24	22
"	"	" Joseph White - - -	15	60
"	"	" Horace Bond - - -	13	20
"	"	" Wm. Ela - - -	4	74
"	"	" Nathaniel Hastings - - -	15	78
"	"	" Hiram Sargent - - -	28	25
"	"	" S. F. Taylor - - -	13	44

## NEW ENTRIES.

Mar. 17.	"	H. S Wheeler - - -	\$ 1	80
" 20.	"	A. Boyd - - -	9	00
Apr. 24.	"	M. G. Steele - - -	11	28
"	"	John Parker - - -	12	30
"	"	Jo-hua Morse - - -	6	36
"	"	S. P. Boynton - - -	3	00
"	"	I. H. Jones - - -	11	34
"	"	Nathaniel Brown - - -	29	54
"	"	E. Adams 2d - - -	4	13
"	"	Benjamin Barker - - -	10	30
"	"	A. J. Proctor - - -	14	27
"	"	William Emerson - - -	3	00
"	"	D. P. Page - - -	17	76
"	"	Robert Taylor - - -	8	73
"	"	T. Wheeler - - -	11	57
"	"	Joseph Hemphill - - -	4	80
"	"	Wm. Reynolds - - -	15	38

"	"	"	John Patten	-	-	-	-	10	40
"	"	"	J. C. Taylor	-	-	-	-	6	66
"	"	"	S. F. Taylor	-	-	-	-		96
"	"	"	Hiram Johnson	-	-	-	-	12	62
"	"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey	-	-	-	-	18	04
"	"	"	John Folsom	-	-	-	-	22	20
"	"	"	W. N. Wilkinson	-	-	-	-	4	02
"	"	"	James Webster	-	-	-	-		96
"	"	"	H. P. Hood	-	-	-	-	27	53
"	"	"	R. W. Adams	-	-	-	-	12	62
"	"	"	George Moor	-	-	-	-	11	44

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 \$485 60

## PAID ON ACCT. OF ROADS AND BRIDGES

1862.

By last year's Selectmen

Dr

Mar. 8.	For paid A. Proctor for surveying on								
		Goodhue Road	-	-		\$	1	00	
"	"	C. Chase for labor on do.	-				2	25	

## NEW ENTRIES.

May 5.	Paid I. H. Jones for labor	-	-	-	-		2	16	
"	"	G. N. Kimball for labor on Goodhue							
		road last year	-				2	50	
"	"	Joseph Leach for labor on P. Bridge					2	10	
"	"	J. Hemphill for plank	-	-	-		3	75	
"	"	S. Clark 2d for labor near Tomb	-				14	75	
"	"	J. Taylor 2d	"	"	"		7	57	
"	"	F. Redfield	"	"	"	-	3	12	
"	"	J. C. Taylor for lumber for Sinking							
		Bridge	-	-	-		5	12	
"	"	T. Wheeler for labor on road	-	-	-			72	
Nov. 10.	"	A. Proctor for labor on Sinking Bridge				4	35		
Feb. "	"	J. Morse for labor near Tomb	-				2	50	
"	"	P. J. Horne for lumber and labor on							
		bridges at Horne's Mill	-				35	54	
"	"	Wm. Reynolds for labor on road	-	-	-		6	75	
"	"	John B. Taylor for labor	-	-	-		18	96	
"	"	J. C. Drew	-	-	-		5	80	
"	"	Hiram Sargent	-	-	-		1	14	
"	"	C. C. Parker labor	-	-	-		5	75	

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 \$125 71

## PAID ON ACCT. OF TRANSIENT POOR

1862.

By last year's Selectmen

Mar. 4.	Paid Eastman for supplies furnished Mrs.								
		Major in 1861	-	-	-		\$23	81	
"	"	S. C. Clark 2d for wood for G. Alex-							
		ander	-	-	-		20	50	
"	"	R. W. Thompson for supplies for							
		Nathan Flanders	-	-	-		12	87	

## NEW ENTRIES

Oct. 13.	Paid G. F. Adams for supplies for Mrs.								
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		Major - - - -	15 00	
" "	"	Eastman & Bro. for supplies for		
		Mrs. Parker and family - - -	18 44	
1863.	"	Town of Effingham for support of S.		
		Harvey's family - - -	18 89	
"	"	W. Storer for wood for Mrs. Mc-		
		Murphy - - - -	9 00	
Feb. 24.	"	W. Cochran for board of Mrs. Cald-		
		well one year - - -	26 00	
" "	"	H. P. Hood for wood for Mrs. Mc-		
		Murphy - - - -	3 00	
				\$147 51
1862 and '63		Paid N. H. Asylum for support of		
		Sarah Coudry - - -	143 32	
" "	"	N. H. Asylum for support of J.		
		Bond - - - -	133 32	
				\$276 64

## PAID ON ACCT. OF MISCELLANEOUS

1862.				DR.
May.		Paid Geo. W. Barker amt. of Execu-		
		tion and cost, Amos Tuck vs.		
		School District No. 7 - -	\$ 20 39	
Jan. 1863.	"	J. Herrick's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	4 17	
" "	"	A. Proctor's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	2 50	
" "	"	Paul Taylor's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	3 00	
" "	"	D. J. Day's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	18 00	
" "	"	L. L. Day's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	1 75	
" "	"	D. P. Page's note and interest do.	55 80	
" "	"	Robt. Taylor's bill and interest do.	7 13	
" "	"	Robt. Taylor's note vs. Dis. No. 7	6 22	
" "	"	M. S. Boynton's bill vs. Dis. No. 7	1 75	
" "		The above paid by special tax on District.		
" "		Paid J. B. Sawyer one-half of his bill for		
		running line between Derry,		
		Windham and Salem	\$8 38	
" "	"	J. C. Steele for stone monuments	6 58	
" "	"	Dr. Dutton damage to carriage	3 00	
" "	"	B. F. Gregg building hearse house	61 50	
" "	"	B. F. Gregg for making Bier	5 00	
" "	"	Wm. H. Oram amt. of error in		
		settlement with Selectmen last		
		year	1 00	
" "	"	A. Proctor expenses at Manches-		
		ter on Pauper case, also ex-		
		penses to Concord on Town		
		business twice	9 00	
" "	"	E. Cogswell for care of Parish Hall	6 25	
" "	"	J. Priest on acct. of rent of School-		
		room in District No. 11	5 00	
				\$ 226 42



## PAID ON ACCT. OF BOUNTIES.

1862.							Dr.
Oct. 11.	Paid	H. G. Dillinback	-	-	-	\$200 00	
" "	"	J. C. Currier	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	J. T. G. Dinsmoore, Jr.,	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	D. McCartee	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	Wm. H. Day	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	Marcellus Shattuck	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	Tenney Major	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	John H. Parker	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	Charles R. Reynolds	-	-	-	200 00	
" "	"	David H. Adams	-	-	-	200 00	
							\$2000 00

## PAID ON ACCT. OF GRAVE YARD, &amp;c.

Oct. 11.	Paid	P. B. Stevens for entombing 20 bodies, under last year's contract	\$10 00	
" "	"	J. Taylor for burying 53 bodies and cutting bushes in yard	66 25	
" "	"	I. G. Goodwin for mending tools	96	
				\$ 77 21

## ON ACCT. OF BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1862.					
Mar. 19.	Paid	Tewksbury & Bro. for Day Book	\$2 50		
" "	"	" " for Record Book	2 50		
" "	"	for Invoice Book - - -	4 00		
" "	"	for Highway Surveyors' Books	3 50		
" "	"	for Stationery - - - -	1 59		
" "	"	Wm. H. Fisk for printing town accts. and blanks for Superin- tending School Committee	28 00		
" "	"	Wm. H. Oram for Treasurer's Book	1 40		
" "	"	J. Priest for Collector's Book -	1 65		
" "	"	A. Beard for Tax bills - -	2 00		
				<hr/>	\$ 47 14

## ON ACCT. OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1862.						
March.	By last year's Selectmen :					
"	Paid	Abt. L. P. Brickett's tax	-	\$ 5 28		
"	"	Rufus Merrill's	-	4 09		
"	"	D. Shattuck's	-	3 00		
"	"	John Parker's School House tax	-	4 00		
NEW ENTRIES.						
Aug. 28.	Paid	Abt. of E. Adams 2d tax for 1859, '60 and '61	-	\$ 6 18		
" "	"	Abt. of Joseph Leach's tax	-	2 00		

## ON ACCT. OF N. R. HIGHWAY TAXES.

1862.	By last year's Selectmen :					
Mar. 10.	Paid	Joseph White for working out N. R. taxes	-	\$1 91		

## NEW ENTRIES.

Mar. 25.	Paid D. P. Page, working N. R. tax	2 70	
" "	" S. F. Taylor " "	1 79	
" "	G. A. Goodhue " "	5 29	
" "	J. Chase " "	5 69	
" "	J. C. Drew " "	3 10	
" "	William Emerson " "	4 13	
" "	J. Montgomery " "	1 03	
" "	John Gregg " "	2 77	
" "	E. G. Shute for N. R. Highway		
	Tax Receipts taken up	49 53	\$ 77 94

## ON ACCT. OF ALMSHOUSE.

1862.	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 8.	Paid T. R. Robie for blacksmith work	20 10	
" "	William D. Clark's bill - -	1 95	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Apr. 10.	Paid W. Storer for shingling house -	10 43	
" "	W. W. Poor for sawing lumber -	33 66	
Feb. 26.	G. F. Adoms for Supplies -	28 46	
" "	I. Howe " " - -	12 70	
" "	William Leach " " - -	17 48	
" "	C. C. Parker " " - -	40 57	
" "	Eastman & Bro. " " .	21 67	
" "	Dr. Crombie for medical attendance	14 00	
" "	D. Stinson balance of salary	230 16	\$ 431 18

## NOTES.

Jan. 2 '63.	Paid N. Ripley's note . . .	\$300 00	
Feb. 26	Samuel Wilson's note . . .	135 00	\$ 435 00

## INTEREST.

	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 8 '62.	Paid Jenette Humphrey Interest	\$25 60	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Apr. 3.	Mrs. B. Kimball Interest	12 00	
Jan. 22.	N. Ripley Interest	18 00	
Feb. 26.	S. Wilson Interest	5 27	
" "	Jennette Humphrey to Feb. 10	12 20	\$ 73 07

## TOWN OFFICERS.

	1862. By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 11.	Paid William H. Oram, Treasurer	\$20 00	
	W. W. Poor, Auditor,	1 18	
	E. G. Parsons S. S. Committee	40 08	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Feb. 26. '63.	W. Storer, Constable, for notifying		
	Town Officers	5 00	
" "	J Montgomery, Selectman, (1861)	7 54	
" "	B. F. Eastman, Selectman, (1861)	4 50	
" "	George W. Barker, Town Clerk	20 00	

"	"	Alexis Proctor, Selectman	72 79
"	"	J. Morse, Selectman . . .	40 12
"	"	E. G. Shute, Selectman . . .	50 00
"	"	E. G. Shute, Collector . . .	50 00

\$ 311 21

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Receipts . . . . . \$10733 76

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid on account of Schools	\$1315 34
State Aid . . . . .	1973 02
Snow Paths . . . . .	485 60
Roads and Bridges . . . . .	125 71
Transient Poor . . . . .	147 51
Insane Asylum . . . . .	276 64
Miscellaneous . . . . .	226 42
Bounties . . . . .	2000 00
Grave Yard . . . . .	77 21
Printing, Books, and Stationery	47 14
Abatement of Taxes . . . . .	24 55
N. R. Highway Taxes . . . . .	77 94
Alms House . . . . .	431 18
Notes Paid . . . . .	435 00
Interest Paid . . . . .	73 07
Town Officers . . . . .	311 91
Outstanding Orders of 1860-1	1360 26
State Tax . . . . .	436 80
County Tax . . . . .	899 19

\$ 10723 79

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

March 1. 1862.

To cash in Treasury on settlement of last yr's acct.	\$597 35
To cash received of Selectmen of 1862	3918 23
Cash received of Collector	5004 19

Dr.

\$ 9519 77

By paid outstanding orders	1360 26
" " orders	7947 54
Cash in Treasury	511 97

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\$ 9519 77

## E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR.

March 3. 1862.

To uncollected taxes	\$3146 25
To Railroad tax	141 15

Dr.

May 3. 1862

Amount of tax list	5922 94
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\$ 9210 34

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## PAID W. H. CRAM, TREASURER

By Railroad tax	\$141 15
By paid cash on tax lists	4863 04
By amount of uncollected taxes	2870 16



By paid State tax  
By paid County tax

436 80

899 19

\$ 9 2 1 0 34

## TOWN OF DERRY TO NOTES PAYABLE

Dr.

Date of Note.

1357. Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams....	\$861 00	1861 July 18.	George Moor.....	500 00
" " "	J. Hubbard.....	100 00	" Sept. 4.	George Moor.....	500 00
1859. Aug. 11.	Sarah Moor.....	458 40	1862. Jan.	Geo. W. Barker.....	120 00
" Feb. 22.	Geo. N. Warner.....	716 83	" " "	J. Hubbard.....	100 00
" Apr. 3.	Mrs. Benj'n Kimball..	200 00	" Apr. 4.	David Stinson.....	300 00
" " 25.	George Moor.....	52 47	" Sept. 26.	Lily Cochran (renewed)	54 56
" " "	".....	273 17	" Oct. 11.	Phillip Nowell.....	1200 00
" Feb. 1.	Jenette Humphrey ..	100 00	1860. Sept. 28.	David Blassett's note,	
" " "	Benjamin Parker ....	100 00		which has never before appeared	
1860. " "	Jenette Humphrey....	120 00		in the town accounts .....	100 00
1860. Oct. 26.	Alexis Proctor.....	\$400 00			

\$6256 43Interest due on the above notes Feb. 26, 1863..... 962 04\$ 7218 47

## BALANCE SHEET.

## TOWN OF DERRY,

Dr.

To Notes Payable . . . . .	\$6256 43
Interest due on Notes . . . . .	962 04
Outstanding Orders . . . . .	80 00
Amount due District No. 11 . . . . .	368 00

\$ 7 6 6 6 47

## TOWN OF DERRY,

Cr.

By uncollected Taxes . . . . .	\$2870 16
Cash invested in Liquors, as reported	
by last year's Selectmen . . . . .	40 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood — . . . . .	77 78
Amount due from County . . . . .	60 00
Amount due from State . . . . .	1544 02
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	511 97

\$ 5 0 0 3 93

Balance, being the amount of Town Debt

\$2662 54

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } Selectmen  
JOSHUA MORSE, } of  
EDWARD G. SHUTE, } Derry.

Derry, March 2, 1863.

This certifies that the foregoing accounts and their vouchers have been carefully and patiently examined, and allowing the testimony of the Selectmen on some minor matters, are as here presented believed to be nearly or quite correct, arithmetically considered.

SYLVANUS BROWN, AUDITOR.

Derry, March 3, 1863.

*Fellow Citizens:* The Selectmen for the year ending March 1863 respectfully submit the foregoing as the financial condition of the Town. It will be seen that the amount of Town debt at the close of the last year's account was \$2030.72, but by accident a note for \$100 and interest which now amounts to \$14.50 making \$114.50 due on said note. There was also a mistake of \$10 in the amount stated as due on Mrs. Humphrey's note. And by accident the sum of \$25.05 then in the Treasury belonging to District No. 11 was not credited to the District, and as said amount has since been paid to said District, it should be added to Town debt of last year. Therefore the Town debt at that time was \$2180.27. The Town debt at the present time is \$2562.54, an increase of \$382.28, which is readily accounted for when we recollect that the Town voted a bounty to volunteers; and referring to that item it will be seen that the sum of \$2000.00 has been paid out.

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } Selectmen  
JOSHUA MORSE, } of  
EDWARD J. SHUTE, } Derry.

Invoice of Personal Property at the Almshouse as made by the  
Selectmen, Feb. 28, 1862.

1 pair Oxen	\$125 00	200 bbs. Ham	22 00
11 Cows	300 00	Butter	18 00
2 Heifers	18 00	Lard and Tallow	18 00
1 Horse	75 00	2½ bbls. Soap	15 00
3 Sheep	25 00	Cider and Vinegar	35 00
4 Swine	50 00	Beans	9 00
Hay	200 00	Apples	14 00
Farming tools, lumber, &c.	225 00	Dried Apple	8 00
Wood at door	90 00	Corn	80 00
Potatoes and other roots	90 00	Other Grain and Shorts	29 00
2 bbls. Pork	44 00	Flour and Meal	16 00
2 bbls. Beef	25 00		
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			\$1541 00

Appraisal of Property which has not heretofore been Inventoried.

Town Farm and buildings	\$4000 00
Household furniture and miscellaneous articles	500 00

Total - - - - - \$6041 00

ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

1862

To amount drawn from the Treasury including salary of Superintendent \$431 18

Amount of bills paid by Superintendent 553 26

\$ 984 44

Cr.

By amount sold off Farm \$568 60

By amount received of William D. Clark 4 50

By amount of W. Storer's bill for shingling house 10 43

By received from County 202 16

By amount due from H. P. Hood 77 78

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\$ 863 47

Balance, being actual expense of Almshouse

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\$120 97

If the invoice of personal property is compared with that of last year it will be seen that there is a balance in favor of the present year of - - - - -

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If we balance the account as in past years we have a balance in favor of the Farm of

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

It has been some years since the School Laws were furnished to the Districts in pamphlet form. Meanwhile important changes have been made; and more generally accessible information upon the subject has become desirable. To supply this, in part, I submit some extracts from the Statutes which touch more directly the sphere of the Superintending School Committee:—

*Compiled Statutes, page 175.* The school money “shall be appropriated to the sole purpose of keeping an English school or schools  
\* \* \* for teaching \* \* \* branches of English education  
\* \* \* and for fuel and occasional repairs.”

—*page 177.* “The Superintending School Committee may upon application of the teacher or any inhabitant of the district dismiss any scholar from the school who will not conform to the reasonable regulations of the school; and it shall be unlawful for such scholar to return to or remain in said school until restored by the teacher or by the Superintending School Committee.”

—p. 178.—“shall determine and direct the class books to be used in the district schools of the town, and the parents, masters or guardians of the scholars attending such schools shall supply scholars with the books so directed to be used.”

—p. 179.—“shall furnish forthwith” necessary school books to poor and destitute children, at the expense of the town.”

—“shall make out, annually, a report, and present the same to the town at its annual meeting.”

—p. 190.—“shall immediately after the close of the winter schools, and on or before the first day of April in each year, transmit to the Secretary of State a copy of the report presented by him to the town at its annual meeting, and also at the same time shall forward to the Secretary of State, according to forms by him provided, answers to all questions relating to the appropriation raised in the town, the studies pursued in the schools, the books used, the methods of instruction and discipline adopted, the condition of the school houses, and such other subjects relating to the schools as shall from time to time be proposed by the Board of Education, by direction of the Governor and Council.”

—Committee neglecting to make this return “shall be responsible to the town for the amount of the Literary Fund forfeited through his negligence.”

—p. 179.—and are to have no pay unless they have “attended to the duties and made the reports by law required of them.”

In the year 1858 was passed a new Act, as follows—Pamphlet Laws Ch. 2088 :—

SECTION 1. That the Superintending School Committee of every town shall prescribe rules and regulations for the management, studies, classification and discipline of schools in their respective towns; and, on satisfactory evidence that a candidate possesses a good moral character, a temper and disposition suitable to be an instructor of youth, they shall examine him in reading, spelling, writing, English grammar, arithmetic, in the rudiments of geography and history, and in other branches usually taught in Common Schools, and also in his capacity for the government of the same; and they shall give to each candidate found competent, a certificate setting forth the branches he is capable of teaching; and they shall visit each school at least twice during each term, once soon after its commencement and again at or near its close.

SEC. 2. The Superintending Committee may prescribe for any school, when in their judgment it shall be for the advantage of those interested, the study of Algebra, Physiology, Bookkeeping, Philosophy, Surveying, Geometry and Natural History, and such other branches as are deemed necessary to be taught therein; and teachers may be examined in each and all of such branches, in addition to the requirements of section one of this act.

SEC. 3. Superintending Committees shall dismiss any teacher, although having the requisite certificate, who is found incapable or unfit to teach, or whose services are deemed unprofitable to any school, or who shall neglect or refuse to conform to the regulations by them made, or for other just cause, either with or without a petition as provided in section three, chapter 77 of the Compiled Statutes; and in such case, they shall give immediate notice to the Prudential Committee of such dismissal.

It is provided also, [Com. Stat. p. 171] that Prudential Committees shall “notify the Superintending School Committee of the commencement of the summer and winter school, and give them all such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.” Also, [p. 176] “That no person shall be employed as a teacher, or receive any compensation for teaching a district school who does not produce the required certificate from the Superintending School Committee.

Concerning the duties of *Teachers* it is declared, [p. 179]: “It shall be the duty of every teacher of a public school to make at the close thereof, a report to the Superintending School Committee, of the number of scholars, male and female, that have attended; the branches of learning taught and the progress made. And no teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services until this provision has been complied with.”

I cannot better close these extracts than by recording the law upon the general duty of all persons intrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young:

[Comp. Stat. p. 179.] “It shall be the duty of all persons entrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young, diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of piety and justice, a sacred regard to



truth, love of country, humanity and benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which are the ornament and support of human society. And to endeavor to lead them into a particular understanding of the tendency of all such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness, and the tendency of the opposite vices to degradation, ruin and slavery.

The principal facts in the history of our Schools during the past year are contained, summarily, in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Not absent one half day.	Marks for Tardiness.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending School.	Dismissals.
1	Miss S. A. M. Alexander, Jonas P. Varnum,	18 36	16 13	55 50	46 36½	9 0	193 138	3 2	45 20
2	Miss E. P. Hood, } Miss R. W. Peabody, } Alexis Proctor,	20 45	14 12	66 73	50 61	0 5	268 195	0 0	106 300*
3	Miss J. A. Bixby, Miss J. A. Bixby,	— 16	8 14	25 22	22 17	6 0	26 39	0 0	1 7
4	Miss L. A. Floyd, Horace Warner,	12 18	13 10½	45 50	33 41	4 0	62 47	15 2	10 14
5	Miss Carrie Shattuck, Charles H. Wilson,	11 —	7 8	27 41	— 36	7 9	— 23	0 4	1 —
6	Miss L. M. Lane, Miss L. M. Lane,	16 16	8 8½	26 26	24 19	4 1	77 20	1 2	0 11
7	Miss Marcha Sanborn, William B. Varnum,	14½ 27	8 12	31 28	24 22	2 2	39 33	1 —	24 18
8	Miss R. S. Boltwood, William Marshall,	15 36	11 10½	42 48	34 42	4 1	42 107	0 4	10 —
9	Miss D. C. Morrison, Miss L. H. Moore,	15 18	8 12	32 31	30 27	23 1	7 15	1 5	0 15
10	Miss J. L. Hunton,	10	11	9	7	1	18	0	6
11	Miss J. M. Bartlett, Miss J. M. Bartlett,	20 20	9 9	34 27	29 23½	— —	82 51	6 8	8 —
12	Miss A. M. Little, Miss A. M. Little,	14 14	8 11	15 13	14 12½	0 0	6 —	0 0	8 —

\*Mostly of two pupils.



Among the more noticeable matters in this tabular statement are—

The great variation of the rate of wages, from \$10 to \$20 per month, in summer, and from \$14 to \$45 in winter. Circumstances of convenience not unfrequently induce good teachers to take small pay, but it is generally true that Districts have no more in their teachers than they pay for. They would, therefore, find their interests much advanced if they would make it a point to secure the best teachers they can and pay them what they are worth.

The average wages—in summer \$15; in winter, of females, \$17, of males, \$31.

The average length of schools—in summer 10, in winter 11 weeks.

In summer the whole number of scholars 380, and the average attendance 313—about five-sixths; in winter, whole number 409, average 337—nearly the same proportion.

In the column of absences several of the schools report a good number not absent a single half day, and Miss Morrison, in No. 9, out of an average attendance of 30, reports 28 present all the time. Making due allowance for extraordinary causes of irregularity, it may still be justly said that constancy of attendance is usually safe evidence of a proper interest on the part of the scholars and of capacity in the teacher.

The number marked for tardiness is diminished much from the reports of some former years—an encouraging indication.

In a few of the schools the habit has arisen of seeking dismissal before the hour of closing. This cannot be commended. With the recreation of recess and the relief in the movement of classes, scholars will not suffer by staying out the time of school; and the practice of getting dismissed makes them uneasy and prepares the way for neglect of study and of attendance.

In my observation of them I have not failed to notice the great difference in the power of teachers to invent ways to engage the attention and secure the interest of their pupils. It should certainly be a prime object with them to do this, as most of the value of a school depends upon it. The smallest token of approbation will often greatly encourage young children, and older ones as well—even a five-cent-piece on a string around the neck of a little boy or girl has been seen to be a constant and useful stimulus, all this winter, in District No. 2. Teachers who are fruitful of expedients will have their own ways. Compositions in the form of a newspaper, oratorical exercises, singing, as well as little rewards of merit, have all done good service in many schools this year.

One of the obvious duties of a teacher is to become acquainted with the books he undertakes to teach. He ought to be *thoroughly* acquainted with them, and know how to use them. A deficiency is often noticeable in regard to the Reading books—some teachers hardly knowing that there are rules for correct reading in the books. They not only ought to know these rules are there, but should also be able correctly to illustrate them, and should make it a point to *drill* their scholars in the difficult combinations of sound and in expressive modulation and emphasis, ample means of doing which are given in the Reading books. This practice would tend to remedy the great indistinctness of articulation which is in some schools a real vice.

Connected with this is the matter of pronunciation. An imperfect education is betrayed by nothing sooner than by pronunciation. It is just as easy for children to learn to pronounce correctly, as incorrectly, if they are taught so. And teachers should be qualified to instruct in this, as well as in other branches of learning. The presence of good Dictionaries in some of the schools has proved of great utility for this and other purposes; and they bear testimony to much usage, if in some instances it has been hard usage. Geographical names are pronounced in most of the systems of geography and there can be no good excuse for murdering their names, as many do. It will be much better for our children in after life, to have learned when young, to pronounce correctly the names of places which they may often have occasion to repeat.

A few teachers have the very vicious habit of *telling* their pupils what the pupils themselves ought to say, in their recitations, or else fail.—This must be destructive of the best interests of the scholar. It is *his* business to learn his lesson so as to recite it correctly and promptly, and the *teacher's* to listen to the recital and see that it is correct. But if the teacher anticipates him before he can get his words out, or tells him when he cannot get them out, motive for diligence is taken away from the pupil who might do well, and he becomes discouraged; and the idle have a constant encouragement for idleness. But if the pupil has only himself to depend upon he will learn to depend upon himself, and will thus acquire many most desirable characteristics together with a thorough knowledge of the subjects he is studying.

These few "Suggestions upon the Management of Schools and the Subject of Education" which the Statute makes it the duty of the Committee to give in his Annual Report, are not occasioned by the observation of unusual deficiencies in our schools this year. On the contrary I have been favorably impressed with, in general, the improved attendance,

order, and interest of the scholars, and, with few exceptions, with the satisfactory intelligence, skill, and success of the teachers. But we are none of us perfect, and there is room—a great deal of room in too many of them—for further improvement in our Common Schools.

The Text Books appointed to be used in the Schools remain as reported last year. The town then voted to recommend their continuance in use for the term of five years. They are

IN READING—The Progressive Series of Readers and Speller.

IN ARITHMETIC—Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics.

IN GEOGRAPHY—Cornell's Series of Geographies.

IN GRAMMAR—Tower's Elements and Weld's Grammar.

IN OTHER BRANCHES—Goodrich's History of the United States, Cutter's Physiology, and Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Writing Books.

Respectfully submitted,

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Derry, March 10, 1863.